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FM AMEMBASSY NICOSIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8038

INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

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S E C R E T NICOSIA 2465

LIMDIS

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, CY

SUBJECT: IMPENDING CZECH ARMS SHIPMENT

REF: (A) NICOSIA 2464; (B) NICOSIA 2425; (C) STATE 235819

1. DURING MEETINGS DESCRIBED NICOSIA 2464, AMB INFORMED UNSYG REP OSORIO-TAFALL AND FORCE COMMANDER PREM CHAND THAT USG HAS INFORMATION WHICH LEAVES NO DOUBT THAT CYPRUS GOVT HAS AGAIN PURCHASED QUANTITY ARMS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA. AMB TOLD THEM HE RAISED THIS SUBJECT ON INSTRUCTIONS.

2. OSORIO AND PREM CHAND EXPRESSED DISBELIEF THAT GOVT WOULD MAKE SAME MISTAKE THIRD TIME. BOTH ATTACHED MORE CREDIBILITY TO REPORT WHEN WE ASSURED THEM IT NOT RPT NOT  
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BASED ON TURKISH SOURCES. OSORIO REVEALED THAT HE HAD

RAISED SUBJECT WITH ARCHBISHOP DEC 3, ON BASIS PRESS ACCOUNTS, AND HAD BEEN ASSURED REPORTS BASELESS. (RUEFULLY, OSORIO NOTED THAT HE RECEIVED SAME ASSURANCES JAN 1972.) AS RESULT OUR INFORMATION, AND WITHOUT REVEALING SOURCE, OSORIO AND PREM CHAND PROMISED PURSUE MATTER WITH FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES DEC 6 IN EFFORT PREVENT IMPORTATION WEAPONS.

3. OSORIO AND PREM CHAND DOUBTED GOVT'S ABILITY IMPORT SECRETLY ANY SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF WEAPONS AND FELT IMPORTATION WOULD QUICKLY COME TO PUBLIC ATTENTION IF IT TRANSPIRED. NOTED UNFICYP HINDERED IN ITS ABILITY MONITOR SHIPMENTS BY GOVT'S REFUSAL ALLOW THEM PATROL PORTS OR TO MAINTAIN ANY INTELLIGENCE FUNCTION. HOWEVER, STATED UNFICYP WOULD BE ALERTED TO WATCH FOR ANY UNUSUAL ACTIVITY. WE PROMISED TO KEEP IN TOUCH ON THIS ISSUE.  
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